

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

PRIEST: United in our faith, we turn to the Lord with all our needs.

READER: Let us pray for the Church - for Pope Francis, for all the Bishops and for Christian communities in every nation of the world. We pray that the Church may be a visible sign of healing and Joy. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for each other as we worship together here today. May the Eucharist we celebrate in the name of the Lord Jesus bring us closer to each other in mutual support and encouragement. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for the refugees of conflict and environmental disasters. May they be given the welcome and aid they desperately need. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray that as disciples of Christ we may never discriminate against anyone, especially on the grounds of appearance, rank or wealth. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for the deaf, blind or of those disabled in whatever way, that they may always be accepted as part of the Body of Christ. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray today for all children, students and teachers returning to school after the summer holidays we pray that the new term brings new joys as well as new challenges. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for Missionaries everywhere that they be given the support and encouragement they need in proclaiming the Reign of God. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Now let us pray for a few moments in the silence of our hearts.

Let us ask Mary, the mother of the Lord and our mother, to pray with us. Hail Mary...

PRIEST: Almighty and merciful God,
we worship together in the name of the Lord Jesus,
sharing one bread and one cup.
Through our celebration of the Eucharist,
may the gift of the Holy Spirit fill our hearts
to strengthen us in unity
and common understanding.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN